



CA-11 DMAT



Sacramento Disaster Medical Assistance Team

CA-11 Responds to National and International Missions!

By EMS Authority, Sponsor of CA-11 DMAT Team

The sites, the smells, the emotions, the sharing—working at Ground Zero was an experience that four members of our team will carry with them always. When requests for assistance came in from OEP, CA-11 responded. Representing the team were EMS Authority staff Laura Venegas and Anne Bybee along with CA-11 Vice President Jim Sachs and Logistics Chief Cary Chavez. They all took on a variety of assignments from managing equipment and supplies to inputting data on recovered remains. There is no doubt that the honor of representing California and our DMAT team on this disaster response had a life-altering affect on all four individuals. We salute them!

Wildland Fire Training - July 2002

We have officailly been invited back to the annual Wildland Fire Training exercise with CA-6 this July. Dates and details should be available soon.

Dan Smiley and Anne Bybee Meet Top HHS Officials

The State of California EMS Authority is close to having fully functional West Coast and California State MST capability. Currently, we have complete cache of MST equipment and supplies in the Rancho Cordova warehouse, and we're compiling personnel lists from DMAT teams and other State and County departments. Striving to gain more expertise, Dan Smiley and Anne Bybee represented the EMS Authority and CA-11 during the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, working in MST Administration and participating in daily management briefings. While this deployment was uneventful in terms of disasters, a visit from Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and Acting Surgeon General Dr. Kenneth Moritsugu was a real honor. Dr. Moritsugu's insight and words of encouragement were especially rewarding, given his personal involvement in the development of NDMS and the DMAT system.

Ukraine 2003, Be There!

Members of California DMATs will have a second opportunity to participate in an international Disaster Response Exercise in Summer, 2003, when EMSA and the California National Guard return to the Ukraine. This weeklong exercise promises to be even more eventful than the 2000 experience! Planning meetings are in progress with Col. Bill Ignatow of the NG Headquarters and representatives from the Ministries of Defense, Emergencies and Health in Kiev. Look for more information as it becomes available.

***The CA-11 Officers are
Committed to the Goal of
CA-11 Becoming a Level I
DMAT by Next Fall***

Upcoming Event Schedule

April 12-17, NDMS National Conference - Atlanta, GA (No team training in April)

May 3, 4 & 5, CA Rough & Ready 2002 - Statewide Field Exercise , Orange County Fairgrounds

May 16, 18:30 - 20:30: General Meeting

June 20, 1830-2030: Training Session
Equipment Familiarization, DMAT Warehouse

July 18th, 18:30 - 20:30: General Meeting

Location and directions to general meetings:

3329 Fitzgerald Road #4, Rancho Cordova. From Highway 50 take Sunrise Blvd. South. Turn left on White Rock Road (major intersection). At first stop sign, turn right onto Fitzgerald Road. Go approximately ½ mile (you will see construction area on left) and turn left into "warehouse" units – number 3329 is set back in from the street, and unit #4 is directly below the building number.

Meet One of Our Own: *Gordon Worley, R.N.*

By Anne M. Bybee

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When Gordon Worley is recognized at the NDMS conference in Atlanta (with all other teams' volunteers), it will be another opportunity to honor our first ever CA-11 "Volunteer of the Year." Not only did he put in countless hours helping to organize our team, he agreed to be our first Training Officer. One look at the training events schedule on the calendar will tell you that he has taken his responsibility very seriously.

Gordon has lived in Loomis for the past 15 years with wife Katrina and sons Douglas (23) and Andrew (16). A true family man who has shared his love of scouting with both sons, Gordon also working as a volunteer crew member and sailing instructor for the Lady Washington, an 18th century replica sailing ship. He can often be found riding the trails on his horse Jake, with whom he will participate in a reenactment of a civil war battle at Gibson Ranch April 27th and 28th.

Gordon started working at Mercy San Juan Hospital during school at American River College. With an Associate Degree in Nursing, he has worked in the ER, med-surg, transport and critical care units. He is well known and well respected in the EMS community and seeks one more goal—to do aero medical work on a helicopter response unit.

Says Gordon of his DMAT experience, "To be involved in the development of CA-11 is truly rewarding. I've been waiting for this a long time, and I look forward to the day when I can participate in the response to a true disaster." We found a true gem when Gordon joined the Sacramento Region DMAT team, and we look forward to having him participate for many years to come.

Rough & Ready T Shirts

Mike Z., our President, is requesting that all those who are planning to attend the 2002 Rough and Ready Training Exercise, set for May 3 - 5 at the Orange County Fairgrounds to please e-mail your T-shirt size in.

Mike asks that you do this as soon as possible, even if you have already signed up for Rough and Ready 2002 before.



Gordon Worley, Horseman, CA - 11 DMAT Training Officer

Positions Available!

Mike Z. is soliciting applications for the CA-11 Safety Officer position. This is a very important position in the Incident Command System, and the Board plans to fill this position during their March 21 meeting. If you are interested in this position or if you have any questions about the job requirements or duties of the Safety Officer., please e-mail your resume ASAP to Mike at: edi@directcon.net

Cary Chavez, head of our Logistics Section, is soliciting applications for the CA-11 Quartermaster position. This is an important, behind-the-scenes job. If you would like to apply for it, please e-mail your resume to Cary at: Cchavez1@dhs.ca.gov

**Safety Officer and
Quartermaster Needed**